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Christmas cheer

There's nothing like a school Christmas concert to bring smiles to people's faces. Tyson and Desi delighted the crowd at the Lloyd Watson Centre when their kindergarten class performed Rudolph wearing funky antlers. Later, Desi did a breakdance during Rockin' Santa. More photos and story on pages 24 and 25 and you can go online to see the video of the concert: www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Insurance presentations bring up old wounds

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Discussion got heated over municipal insurance when Highlands East Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie and Councillor Gary Stoughton brought up their lack of coverage in an ongoing lawsuit.

During a presentation at last Tuesday's council meeting by current insurer Jardine OME Limited, Mackie and Stoughton said

they, along with Reeve Dave Burton, had to pay \$40,000 between them in legal fees.

The three were named in a lawsuit filed by former fire chief Don Middleton that claimed wrongful dismissal. Middleton was fired by council in February 2007. He named the corporation of Highlands East as well as the three councillors who voted in favour of his dismissal – Burton, Mackie and Stoughton.

Burton and *Bancroft Times* were also sued for defamation.

None of the allegations in Middleton's statement of claim have been proved in court.

Mackie said Jardine insurance had never explained why coverage hadn't been extended to the parties.

"Before we make a decision on this your worship, why doesn't he get back to us because I don't get warm and fuzzy, there," Mackie said.

Hodgson makes world junior team

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Cody Hodgson will play in the 2009 IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa without his good friend and Brampton Battalion teammate Matt Duchene in the post-Christmas classic from December 26 to January 5.

The Team Canada announcement came early Monday morning after a four-day camp that featured three intersquad games. Duchene and Hodgson played as members of team white, which lost two of the three games.

"I think it went pretty well," said Hodgson by telephone on Monday morning. "It was pretty competitive, some intense intersquad games."

The Haliburton Lake cottager, who is the son of former MPP Chris Hodgson and Wee Care owner Marie Hodgson, was named alternate captain later in the day.

Despite collecting three points, one goal and two assists, 17-year-old Duchene of Haliburton was not selected for the team.

"It's too bad. He's a great hockey player," said Hodgson. "It's tough not to see him on the team that's for sure. The coaches had a tough time, a tough decision."

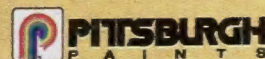
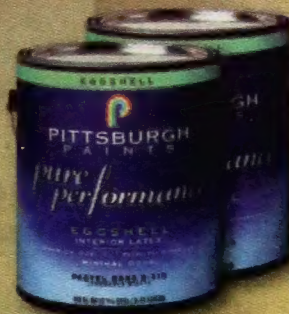
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Rail Trail is open to Gelert

Although winter has an early start in the Highlands this year, snowmobilers must still exercise caution as a new season begins.

The Rail Trail from Haliburton to Gelert is open but on a limited basis. On Friday the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association said that the stretch from Haliburton to Gelert has been groomed but there were frozen puddles.

Monday's warmer temperatures and rain will also delay the club's ability to open the other trails. The club asks for riders' patience as it waits for more cold weather and snow.

Meanwhile, snowmobilers should be avoiding local lakes, most of which are not yet frozen.

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news and events worth noting

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The support enables the association to keep the fish hatchery doors open and continue to provide services in the form of pioneering scientific research, ecological sustainability, social development and tourism opportunities.

The hatchery and visitor's centre draws more than 2,000 visitors each year. The facility and programs also foster educational opportunities and activities for people of all ages.

The HHOA continues to require donations and support, and always welcome and appreciate their community sponsors. They also invite new volunteers and members. Involvement is always rewarding.

Devolin to announce arts initiative on Wednesday, December 17, MP Barry Devolin will be at Heritage House Café in Haliburton to make an announcement about a significant initiative for artists and artisans and for the creative economy in Eastern Ontario. An announcement

will also be made about the 24 artists and artisans from Eastern Ontario chosen for this initiative.

The board of directors of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, a Community Futures Development Corporation, invites the public to a festive reception at the Heritage House Café to celebrate the holiday season, hear this important announcement and celebrate the achievements of artists and artisans of Eastern Ontario.

The reception is from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and the announcement will be made at 4 p.m.

Fill a cruiser this week. Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment host their annual Fill a Cruiser with Food campaign this week.

On Wednesday December 17, officers will be at the Wilberforce Foodland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. trying to fill a cruiser with food. All donated food will be given to the Word of Life outreach centre in Wilberforce.

On Thursday December 18, officers will be Todd's Independent from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then go to Haliburton Foodland where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to the 4Cs.

On Friday, December 19, officers will be at the Minden Valu-Mart from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then proceed over to the Minden IGA where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to Minden Food Bank.

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Keep a cool head on snowy roads

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

As beautiful as Haliburton looks under its canopy of snow, winter's early arrival brings with it a few frustrations. What do you do with all that snow on our roads and driveways?

Homeowners get frustrated when after spending two hours shoveling their driveways, a municipal snowplow comes along and pushes snow from the road into their driveway.

Snowplow operators get frustrated when cars parked on the side of the road impede their route, or their blade hits a hard clump of snow that's been pushed onto the road by someone clearing their driveway.

And school bus operators need other drivers to realize that a heavy school bus can't pull over onto the soft sides of the road to let a car pass without risking ending up in the ditch.

If we're going to cope with all this snow with our good mood intact, we'll all have to work together.

"We're doing our best to make all roads passable," says Dysart roads superintendent Brian Nicholson. "All we want is compliance with our bylaws."

Each snowplow operator has a 50-kilometre route - 50 kilometres in, 50 kilometres out. There's also the time they spend travelling to their routes, making every minute count.

The rule is that people cannot do anything to impede the removal of snow or sanding of roads. That means not parking on the side of the road. Nicholson says the operators understand that there are some times when it's impossible to park off the road but common sense is needed. Snowplows can be out up to twice a day and they need to be able to maneuver easily and safely. If a snowplow happens to get too close to parked car, the operator must then wait for the police to arrive, setting the entire schedule back by hours.

Nicholson knows that people get angry when a snowplow pushes snow from the road onto a freshly shovelled driveway but there's no other option.

"We don't clear mailboxes or driveways," he says. "We



JENN WATT/Echo

Municipal roads workers trucked away snow from many Haliburton streets last week, seen here on Mountain Street.

don't have the time or resources. It's our responsibility to clear the roadways; it's the homeowner's responsibility to clear their driveways and mailboxes."

When people are clearing their driveways, they are reminded that it's a provincial offence to leave snow on the roadway. Last year, a Dysart snowplow lost a blade when it hit a hardened chunk of snow that had been plowed from a driveway onto the road. Not only was it an expensive repair, but it put the truck out of commission at a time when it was needed on the roads.

Nicholson says that operators know some snow might periodically get left behind but "when it's indicated as a problem to us, the municipality will be knocking on their door and asking them to comply. If they choose to ignore our warning, we'll be contacting the police."

Last Tuesday, six school buses got stuck in the snow. One got stuck when a person who hadn't cleared the snow from the end of their driveway sped up to get through the snowbank and found themselves in the direct path of the school bus.

"They pulled out quickly, saw the bus and froze," says Dave Freeman, Haliburton branch manager for First Student Canada, which operates the school buses in Haliburton County.

While snowplows clear a wide path on the roads, there are no shoulders in the county so the side of the road is soft. If a school bus gets into that soft snow, it's not getting out on its own.

"We have a golden rule in the winter," Freeman says.

"We won't pull over to let cars go by. We don't have shoulders to pull onto."

Another problem the bus drivers have is people who park in the areas where buses turn around at the end of their route. Now that there are more people living on back roads, buses are having to navigate trickier driving situations and Freeman also asks homeowners and drivers to be considerate of the larger vehicles' needs.

Nicholson says the large trucks have just as much trouble navigating snow-clogged roads.

"These wet snows are as nasty for us as they are for people driving," he says. In the first wet snow of the season, three tandem trucks and two pickup trucks slid off the road and had to be towed out.

His crews are working hard to keep pace with the snow. On Tuesday, when it snowed throughout the day and the buses needed to get students home, the plows were out twice on route roads. A plow also was sent to Boughner Road when a bus got stuck by a car that had been left on the road. The snowplow operator helped the bus and then plowed the rest of the bus's route and back.

On Thursday morning, some crews started clearing the village of Haliburton's streets at three in the morning to cause as little disruption as possible. They were back at it the next day because of the sheer volume of snow.

This is only mid-December and there's a whole lot more of winter to get through.

"I can't stress enough," Nicholson says, "for people to use common sense."



Dark Lake Road will reopen

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The Dark Lake Road reopening bylaw passed at the December 9 meeting of Highlands East council despite some opposition from residents on the road. A few residents attended the meeting, but council

was firm that it was in the best interest of everyone to have it reopened.

There had been previous complaints that some of those living along the road were treating it like their own property and not allowing the public access.

It had been closed because of environmental concerns regarding salting for vehicular traffic.

Later in the meeting, councillors said they would wait to reopen the road in the spring because some residents had concerns their wells were not winterized and couldn't handle the road salt.

Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie suggested there should be a 20-kilometre speed limit when it reopens.

A second chance with Second Career

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Life is full of surprises. For good or bad they happen, but for Gooderham resident Jason Boylan and his family nothing could have prepared them for the surprise of him being laid off from his job.

Luckily he discovered the Ontario government's Second Career program. Today he's back in school receiving financial assistance and working toward a new career without the worry of caring for his family.

Launched in June 2008, Ontario's Second Career program was designed to help laid-off Ontarians identify and train for new careers in sectors showing growth such as health care, architecture, construction, tourism, education and for Boylan, food services.

Depending on an individual's circumstances, one can receive as much as \$28,000 to help pay for tuition, books, living expenses, travel, transportation, disability supports and other living and training costs.

In April 2008, Boylan was a resident of Woodstock when the bad news arrived.

"The day I was laid off was rather shocking after being told things were going forward as usual," said Boylan.

At the time Boylan was working in the auto industry, three years prior to that he'd owned his own carpet and upholstery cleaning company. When he received the news he says there wasn't much time to think about things.

At the time he was laid off it wasn't just himself he had to care for. Boylan is a married, 31-year-old father of two.

"It affected my family with the thought

of being unsettled," he said. "I guess a little scared too, [about] which direction to go."

Shortly after the layoff Boylan discovered the Second Career program through Northern Lights Canada, a career assessment centre, and more important in Boylan's opinion, the Haliburton Fleming College employment resource centre where he met his employment advisor, Sharyn Bray.

"Sharyn helped me through everything," he said.

Five months after being laid off Boylan is now enrolled in the culinary management program at the Fleming College Peterborough campus through Second Career. He's receiving a full package that includes tuition and books and he also receives a weekly living allowance.

The money from the Second Career program "allows me to go to school and get good grades with no financial problems," said Boylan.

And he said being a mature student isn't so bad either.

"It's surprisingly great," he said. "The students look up to you and accept you as an elder."

"I have always wanted to be a chef since I was younger," he said. "I finally have the opportunity to make that come true."

He couldn't be happier with the program, describing his experience as "flawless."

"I would recommend the program to others as it gives you a second chance at not only a job but a long-term career," he said.

"The process was as easy as walking through the doors at the assessment centre and sitting down with a program co-ordinator," said Boylan.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Jason Boylan, right, stands with John Milloy, the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. Boylan was one of the first Second Career students.

An advisor like Bray will talk to individuals about their goals, help prepare a training plan and guide one through the application process while providing ongoing advice. All you have to do is provide our work history, education, training, and your skills and interests.

When asked what he hoped to accomplish with the diploma he said his options included work as an executive chef at a high-end establishment, catering company, opening his own establishment, or working for a retirement home or hospital.

So if you think you might qualify for Second Career, don't hesitate. Announced in the Ontario government's 2008 budget, the province, through Second Career, is investing \$355 million to help 20,000 laid-off workers make the transition to well-pay-

ing jobs.

As of November 10, the government expanded the guidelines of the Second Career program to include:

- workers laid off as far back as January 1, 2005
- laid-off workers who have acquired another job to make ends meet
- short term training options (less than six months) for laid-off workers who are not eligible for Employment Insurance
- potential additional financial assistance to cover expenses for the cost of academic upgrading, living away from home while participating in training, and dependent care

For more information about the Second Career program visit the Haliburton's Fleming College Employment Resource Centre or visit www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/secondcareer.

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Dysart proposes \$1,000 deposit for construction

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the December 8 meeting of Dysart et al council.

A \$1,000 deposit may be charged to those doing construction in Dysart et al if council accepts a proposed bylaw. In order to recover costs incurred from construction vehicles on municipal roads, the bylaw proposes collecting a security deposit upfront for everything larger than 300-square-feet.

If construction activities create damage in excess of \$1,000 the bylaw proposes an additional \$300 for surface repair and \$300 for the replacement of a culvert. Councilors were enthusiastic about the draft. "I think this is a great start. I really like the idea of it," said councillor Janis Parker. The bylaw will come to the February meeting for public input.

Grant money

The municipality's share of the Investing in Ontario grant of \$317,657 will be placed in the roads reserve earmarked for capital expenditure. The grant is only for new capital projects and is part of the province's effort to reduce the municipal infrastructure problems that exist.

Sewage fees may go up

Sewage fees will have to go up next year, Reeve Murray Fearrey said. In a memo on the year-end transfers it was noted that the sewer system is \$40,000 over budget and money from the revenue fund will have to be used to offset the cost.

"We have to raise the fees. There will be a substantial increase in sewage [costs]," Fearrey said.

Landfill water needs remediation

The West Bay landfill will need a "major expenditure" to conform to the standards set by the Ministry of the Environment by 2010. A report from the MOE's Michael Longpré noted that water flowing from the site had elevated levels of iron, hardness and manganese and had the potential of affecting a nearby "unnamed creek."

A consultant on the site will attend next council meeting to discuss options and cost.

Community raises money for Gooderham outdoor rink

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Thanks to a well-supported community bottle drive Gooderham will soon have an outdoor skating rink.

Last winter LCBO employee Jennifer Horner and store manager Matt McMichael learned that Highlands East councillor Donna Graham was trying to raise \$300 to move the village's playground equipment to a more shady area.

After acquiring permission from the LCBO, staff organized a bottle drive to see if they could help raise the funds. "We ended up raising the \$300 she needed so quickly," said Horner, "and the bottles just kept coming in."

With the bottle drive working better than expected they set their sights on something a little bigger: an outdoor skating rink. Since February the bottle drive has raised \$4,500 for the rink. Some of that money has already been used to purchase a snow blower.

Horner is very please with how well the community got behind the bottle drive and said cottagers have also been a great help. One cottager with connections with an urban hockey team, the Scarborough Young Leafs Hockey Club, donated two full sets of goalie equipment.

But that's isn't the extent of the community's kindness. Horner says, "So many people would just come in [to the LCBO] and say 'Hey, we heard you were building a skating rink, here's \$50 or here's \$10.'"

With the left over monies she's hoping to build up a kitty for any repairs or equipment needed for the rink.

"Really, the whole community has gotten behind it," said Horner.

Horner and Gooderham resident Jason Boylan presented the idea of the outdoor rink to Highlands East council in early November. The two are members of Gooderham's Community Action Group.

Construction of the outdoor rink is ready to go barring any last-minute changes. Rink labour is being donated by Boylan's father-in-law, local contractor John Glass of J.P.G. Decks.

"Without him we wouldn't have been able to build it this winter," said Horner. "We would have had to save more money to pay someone else for the labour."

The rink size is approximately 110 feet by 85 feet.

Boylan says the lumber for the boards was purchased at a discounted price from Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton, and the boards will be similar to those on the community rink in Catchacoma, a small community south of Gooderham on County Road 507.

Once construction begins the project will take about three or four days to complete. Installed will be benches as well as a shed for equipment storage.

Boylan has volunteered to help clear and maintain the rink and hopes that other members of the Gooderham fire department will join in.

It would mean "a lot because the kids are going to enjoy it."

It could also save parents a lot of time, as the closest rinks are in Wilberforce and Haliburton.

The rink is free for the public's use and while it will be used for skating and hockey, a designated schedule will eventually be made for the safety of everyone.

"I always had a hockey rink," said Boylan about his childhood. "And I don't know why this community doesn't have one."




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Minden,
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Ontario

A second chance

LISTENING TO PEOPLE talk about whether the federal government should prop up the Big Three auto makers, you get the sense that it's supposedly easy for governments to find new sources of employment for their citizens. No more car-making jobs? Just get them to make something else instead. No more manufacturing jobs, period? Shift into information technology.

Oh, if only it were that simple.

There's no question that there were aspects of our current economy that had to change. But finding new jobs to replace old ones will require much more government assistance than a bail-out of the auto makers will cost. Any shift would require huge investments

in infrastructure, investments that private enterprise couldn't afford in a weak economy.

But on an individual basis, programs such as Second Career, described in a feature on page 4,

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editorial

martha perkins

are ideal. They give workers the financial stability they need to make big leaps in their careers by taking away the barriers to education.

It's one thing to be a 20-year-old sleeping on a futon in an apartment shared with two other people during college or university. It's another to be a 31-year-old parent such as Jason Boylan. If the Second Career program hadn't been available, he probably wouldn't be able to afford to go back to college. It's not only the tuition and books he'd have trouble paying for; it's the months you have to spend being non-productive. This way, he can find a profession that offers him hope for the future.

Post-secondary institutions are well positioned to survive the recession because people tend to go back to school when there are no jobs available. Colleges will do particularly well because they tend to give people specific skills; they are also more attuned to changing dynamics within the workforce and can respond more quickly.

Here in Haliburton County, we've always been lucky to have a campus of Fleming College. Although it's known primarily as an arts college, it's always done an admirable job in gauging the needs of the community. In the past it's trained the people who grade lumber and keep golf courses green. It's provided us with personal support workers and practical nurses. If it comes up with a viable program, the board of governors usually grants its requests. Since it runs the county's employment centre, it has a pretty good sense of which way the economic winds are blowing – it knows what jobs are out there and what skills are lacking to fill those jobs. The other innovation at Fleming's Haliburton campus is its 13-week intensive certificate programs. In essence, students do two semesters of work in one semester. It creates a heavy workload but this way students, especially older students with families, don't have to commit to being away from home without an income for so long.

It's these sorts of collaborative approaches that will get us through any economic downturn and we're fortunate that they're available here. Of course, once the government finds a way to reduce our dependence on the weather as a tourist economy, we won't have to worry about our future either.



Spectator sport

Photo by Matt James

Fun and snow

AS I WRITE THIS, the snow is piled up more than four feet high in some places on my driveway. The fact that it will probably get worse before winter actually arrives is not lost on me either. In the fields, there is at least two feet of snow in most places.

This prompted me to dust off my snowshoes. As I sit here, in traction, I am reminded that snowshoeing is much like childbirth – if you remembered the pain, you probably wouldn't do it again.

Don't get me wrong; snowshoeing is not all that painful, 98 per cent of the time. No, it is only torturous once or twice an expedition. Unfortunately, this pain lingers on well until your 90s. This is something that the powerful snowshoeing industry doesn't tell you about.

Yesterday, it happened as I was using the herringbone method to control my descent down a steep incline – okay, most people would call it a cliff. That's another thing – calling it the herringbone method sounds quaint and harmless, which, quite frankly, is a bit misleading. I suggest that we refer to it as the wishbone method from here on in. That is more evocative of the crisp snap that is frequently heard when your snowshoes and limbs get confused and go separate ways, as frequently happens during this technique.

What happens when a middle-aged man with very short legs tries to descend a very steep – okay, vertical – incline while wearing snowshoes and utilizing a method that has him intentionally stretching his inner thigh muscles? Well, try to recall the crash sequence at the beginning of the Six Million Dollar Man TV show. Then imagine it, with a larger fireball and mushroom cloud.

If you are too young to remember any of this,

it is probably for the best. Let's just say it was not pretty. Eventually, however, I got up and had to face the most dreaded obstacle that any snowshoer with a 25-inch inseam can face – a creek that's 51-inches wide.

Crossing something this narrow, of course, looks deceptively easy. And it would be too, for gymnasts, ballerinas, or anyone who routinely practices the splits. The worst part of this situation is that, as you are stretched out with one snowshoe on either bank and shooting pains emanating from groin muscles you never even know you had, you'll look over and see a narrower spot that would have been effortless to cross.

Even so, I crossed this obstacle eventually, although let me just say that swimming in snowshoes is not nearly as simple as it might sound. Sure, it got considerably easier after passing through the

whitewater downstream, but it's still not something I can, in good conscience, recommend. In any case, even this situation was not so bad when compared to the hidden straddle. In its simplest terms, this commonly encountered situation arises when you are breaking trail and see a fallen tree just sticking out above the snow across the path. And while common sense would dictate that you take the extra steps and go around it, you are faced with a Catch-22 situation – namely, if you had any common sense you wouldn't be snowshoeing.

So you straddle what looks like a tree at ankle height and immediately sink hard until your more tender parts collide with the log, thereby making a gonging sound only previously heard on Saturday morning cartoons. Fun? Right. Next time I snowshoe, it will be straight to a snowmobile.

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Snow and tell

"OH NO - NOT MORE SNOW!" Sheila groaned, watching large white flakes tumbling onto her deck. Margaret smiled into the distance, her mind elsewhere. "Mom don't tell me you actually like shovelling all this stuff. Come on - it's not even Christmas and look at those snow banks." Sheila's frustration was evident in her voice.

Margaret put down her mug and turned to her daughter. "Every time we get a big dump, I remember another snowfall a long time ago, when you were little and we still lived in Toronto. It was a special day that I've never forgotten."

Curiosity peeked, Sheila poured them both more coffee, pushed

a fresh plate of shortbread toward her mother and settled in for the full story she knew was coming. Margaret reached over and patted her daughter's hand affectionately. Sheila's own children were downstairs watching a movie, leaving the adults with a little space for visiting. This was not always easy to arrange when grandma dropped by as they usually had much to tell her about school and friends and especially this time of year, what they wanted for Christmas. But today it was quiet in the kitchen as the two women



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gazed out at the winter landscape. The trees and the shed's outline continued to become softer, more rounded as the snow thickened.

The snowfall to which Margaret referred had been thirty years previously. To the young Sheila and her sisters, it had been a magical wonderland of white that stopped their world for one day. The schools were closed, cars were stuck in driveways and their father even stayed home from work. To the adults however, it was a typical Toronto snowfall only many times over. Heavy and wet, it lay like a sodden blanket on everything causing inconvenience and delays. To the children it was packing snow for snowmen. To the adults it was an exhausting nuisance.

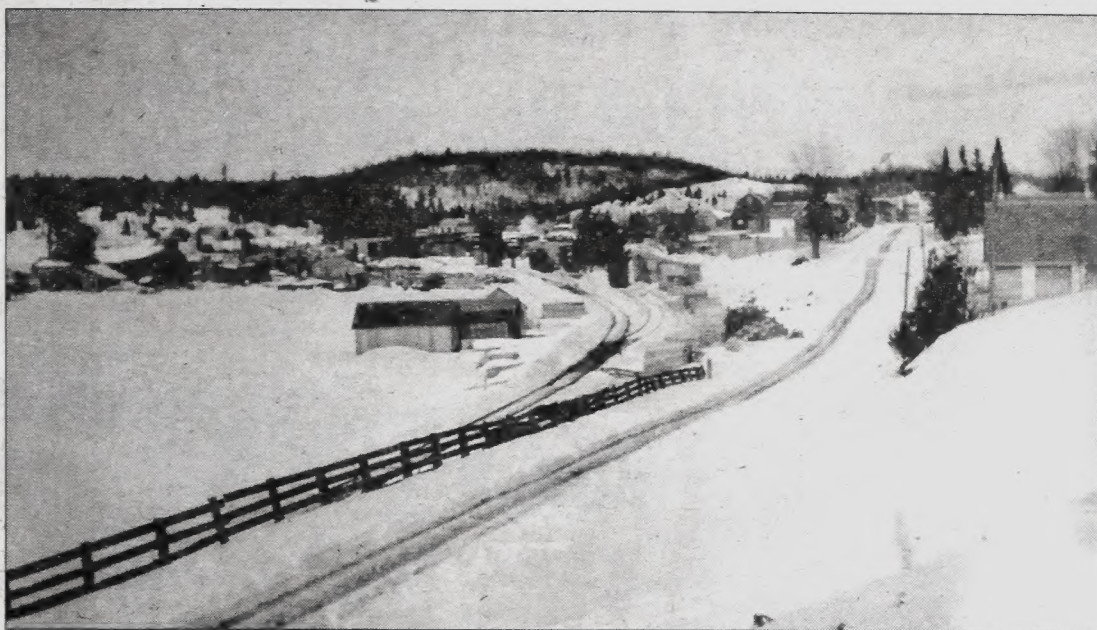
It was also the first winter Sheila had seen since having her heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Up until that operation, she had been restricted in what she could do and unbeknownst to her, the long term prognosis was terminal without the procedure. So it had been with a much lighter step that her parents had disembarked from the plane upon their return. But despite the success of the surgery, old habits can die hard and Margaret especially found it difficult not to fuss and worry every time Sheila wanted to try something more strenuous than walking up stairs.

The morning of the big snowfall saw a frazzled Margaret trying to deal with the day's plans gone awry. Not only did she have all four children home but her husband as well, coming back inside every hour or so huffing and puffing between shovelling for a cigarette or coffee break. Margaret was more than glad to have the children bundled up and out from under foot. It wasn't until she looked out the back window that she realized the significance of what she saw.

There was Sheila, red cheeked, her snowsuit splashed in snow, hat awry and beaming from ear to ear. All four of them were building a snow fort in the backyard, rolling the largest snowballs they could make and then stacking them side by side and on top of each other to form walls. It was hard work manipulating the heavy snow while swaddled in bulky damp clothing and moving over the deeply rutted drifts in their backyard. Margaret stopped in her tracks and called to her husband who was about to head out to the front drive once again. "Look at Sheila," she said as he gave her a quizzical look. And the two of them stood there a moment looking at their strong, healthy daughter just enjoying being a child on a snow day.

When Margaret finished her telling, the two women sat in silence for a moment. Then Sheila said she recalled that day so long ago. "I remember how pretty everything looked and how easy it was to roll the snowballs and get them really big. It seemed like I played outside for hours and hours and it was the first real snow fort I ever made. It lasted all winter." Sheila thought of her own children downstairs and wondered with a shiver what it must have been like for her parents to know that she would never have grown up without the surgery. The worry, the fear, the sadness of parents of which so often children are not aware. Until they have their own.

"You're right mom," she said. "It's all in how we look at things. So let's have some more shortbread before I have to round up the kids to go outside. I think that snow is perfect for packing. What do you think we should make - a snowman or a snow fort?"



pic of the past

The Haliburton lake shore road in winter, circa 1900, shows the prominent tracks of horse-drawn wagons and sleighs in the snow. While a white blanket covered the sleepy village in winter time, many of the local men were away logging the surrounding bush. The silent Mally & Bryans sawmill complex on the Head Lake shore at the left awaits the winter's cutting, while the boat-houses on the near shore await summer activity. Photo from *Haliburton: A History in Pictures* available for purchase at the Haliburton Museum, Master's Bookstore and Under Cover Books.

letters to the editor

Parking fee raises other dilemmas

To the Editor:

On Friday, November 28, I had occasion to drop off a medical delivery to the blood clinic at the Haliburton Highlands Medical Clinic. As it was a Friday afternoon, no doctors had office hours and the parking lot was totally vacant. I suppose that was a good reason why I should have parked properly and paid the \$2 parking fee as it certainly was not crowded.

I stopped my vehicle in the turnaround and left it running while I made my drop-off. On my return, I found a parking infraction notice under my windshield wiper. Now I know the feeling of a criminal, caught red-handed.

On a previous occasion, I was witness to a person parking in the turnaround while keeping an appointment. On return to their vehicle they found

a warning document under their wiper. Not so in my case. Why?

Now I have before me two documents. One is the infraction form with the following options:

1. Pay \$20 within seven days
2. Pay \$30 within 15 days
3. Appear in court to plead my case and pay court costs before a prosecutor who may be having a bad-hair day.

The other document is a holiday greeting from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation asking for a donation.

I'm pondering how I can contribute to both from my limited income. Somehow, it will work out.

Don Fleming
Wilberforce

The complex game of federal politics

To the Editor:

Politics should not be like a hockey game, a win/lose event, a winner-take-all event. First, the stakes are too high, they tempt participants to take unfair advantage. The power and prestige of ruling the country as the prime minister or member of the ruling party are considerable. Second, there is too much probability of doing serious harm, alienating large groups like Quebecers or Albertans for long periods, for example. We understand in hockey that many efforts are taken to gain advantage. This is controlled by a detailed set of rules administered by referees and instant replays. And yet still violent disagreements break out. Our political system does not have the same careful control.

Consider these ambiguities. We elect a prime minister, maybe, to some extent, perhaps. We elect a government, well not directly. The government enjoys the support of a majority of the voters, rarely. Each MP represents the people of a particular riding, well not all of them, some proportion to some extent. The MP represents the interests of his electors, or the leader of his party or the program of his party. We could never play hockey games with winning and losing a season or the Stanley Cup at stake with these ambiguities. Is it any wonder that our politics with much more at stake occasionally descends into the worst of juvenile behaviour.

We don't want to curb ambition, we can tighten the rules but we should change the nature of the game to encourage civility, compromise and even coalition between the competing parties.

Jim Milne
West Guilford

Coalition anti-democratic

To the Editor:

No matter how much we agree or disagree, the word "democracy" means government by the people. In a democratic state, such as Canada, a government is elected by its citizens at the ballot box. It can be defeated by a majority in parliament, but to elect a new government means another trip to the ballot box. Creating a coalition or other form of government without this necessary step is a favourite power grab of right-wing or communist dictators. There is no way that it can be described as democratic, no matter how much politicians would like to see it that way.

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Rotary salutes dedicated volunteers

Haliburton Rotary Club recognized the work of Don Popple, who recently retired from the club after 33 years, for his dedication to the community and Rotary. The Paul Harris Award was presented at the Christmas party at the Bonnie View last Friday. From left: Maureen O'Hara (recent recipient of the Paul Harris Award on behalf of her late husband Grant Sote); district governor Tom Bennett; Haliburton Rotary president Jim Miners; Don Popple; and Jim Henwood, a recent recipient of the same award. The award recognizes Rotarians who exemplify the club's motto of service about self.

Male injured in snowmobile collision

In the early afternoon of Saturday, December 13, officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of a snowmobile collision on an old railway bed, east of Athabaska Road in the municipality of Highlands East. A male driver was operating a Yamaha snowmobile east on the trail when he encountered two trees. The driver avoided the first tree, but struck the second. A 52-year-old male of Unionville was transported to the Haliburton hospital by ambulance with minor injuries.

On Saturday, December 13, an officer from the east region Snowmobile, All Terrain Vehicle & Vessel Enforcement unit and an officer from the Bancroft OPP conducted snowmobile patrol. A total of eight charges were laid by the officers.

The Bancroft OPP wish to remind snowmobile operators to be safe on the trails by:

- Wearing an approved helmet.
- Check your machine before going out to ensure it is in good running order.
- Put together a safety kit and put it in your machine.
- Check your documents; ensure you have insurance, snowmobile registration, trail pass and current licence validation.
- Tell someone where you will be travelling.
- If you are venturing onto the ice, remember a snowmobile requires a minimum of 5 inches of new clear ice to support it.
- Never drink and drive.

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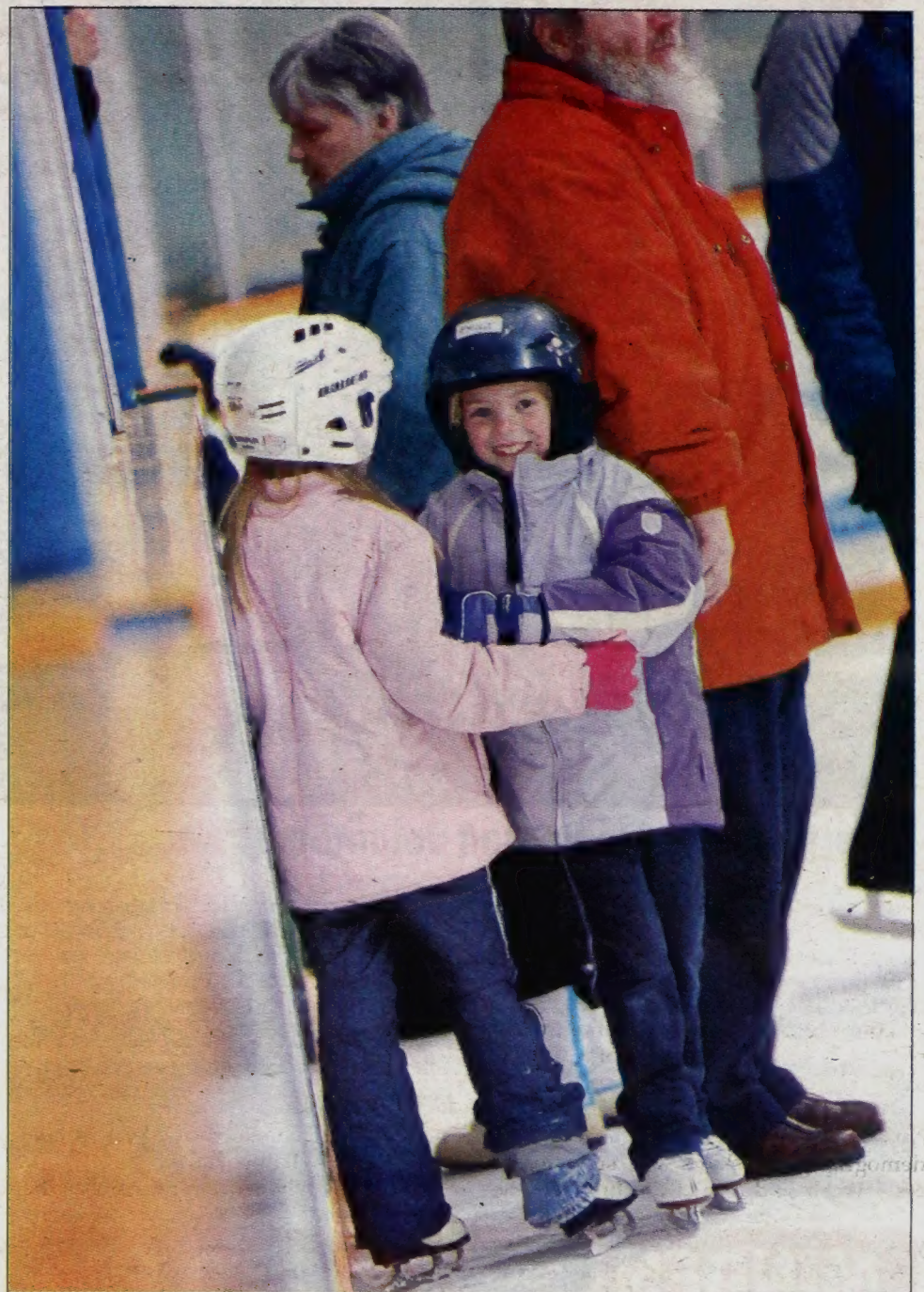
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Emily Parrish, above, certainly looks like she's enjoying the skate day for Stuart Baker Elementary School students at the Dysart et al arena. The ice time was donated anonymously by a local resident and it was a great way for the students to burn off some of their pre-Christmas energy.

Top left: Figure skater Jamie Evans, 7, does a spiral.
Bottom left: Dawson Hutchings gets some help from learn-to-skate apparatus.
Bottom middle: Jakob Bull lands softly.

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Skier/boarder cross races to run at Sir Sam's

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Are you a skier or a snowboarder? Are you competitive?

Do you like high speeds and jumps?

If you've said yes to one or more of these questions then you might be interested in participating in the skier/boarder cross events at Sir Sam's this winter.

On January 17, the hill will host the first Canadian Freestyle Ski Association (CFSA) Skier Cross of the 2009 season. And on January 18, Sir Sam's will host the Association of Ontario Snowboarders (AOS) Boarder Cross.

There have been many positive changes at the hill this year and one of those has been the hiring of Dave Webb, the new snow-school director.

Webb has 19 years experience in the ski industry, including time at Whistler/Blackcomb and Beaver Valley, located southwest of Collingwood.

Webb contacted Freestyle Skiing Ontario and the AOS and presented his reasons races should and would be a great fit at Sir Sam's.

"Being able to host this is great for our freestyle skiers [and boarders]," said Webb.

"We're just marketing the sport really, and our community, there's so many great places to stay for families to come up and make a weekend out of it."

Over the past decade skier/boarder cross has become very popular to a large demographic of skiers and snowboarders - Webb said one of the first calls he received about the events was from a 32-year-old man from Guelph.

As a staple in the Winter X-Games, the sport has grown internationally, so much so in fact, that it will even debut in the biggest amateur games of them all, the 2010 Winter Olympics in Whistler, B.C.

And while he didn't want to toot his own horn, Webb said he was responsible for the very first provincial boarder cross at Beaver Valley in 2005, with the help of Canadian legend freestyle skier Meredith Gardner, who will be in attendance for the January 17 skier cross at the hill.

Webb, a level three ski instructor who has many other certifications including coaching and snowboarding, is excited to have brought skier/boarder cross to Sir Sam's.

As a province Webb says Ontario "vertically challenged" compared to other



Earlier this year, a Hogarth excavating machine cleared trees and other debris from Sir Sam's banana run in preparation for skier and boarder cross races in January 2009.

provinces in Canada, so it's best to take advantage of what we have.

"You know when an event matches the surroundings," says Webb. "The banana run, it just suits that kind of race."

In late fall the Bishops, owners of Sir Sam's Ski Area, were busy expanding the banana run for the new boarder/skier run. Webb says one of the reasons Sir Sam's is able to host such an event is because of the 18 years of experience that J.D. Bishop, the hill's groomer and park builder has to offer.

For those unfamiliar with skier/boarder cross it's derived from motocross racing. A typical skier/boarder cross race consists of approximately four contestants racing down a specifically designed course at the same time at speeds upward of 70 kilometres an hour.

During the race they'll encounter natural and/or manmade rolls, big air jumps, and banked turns.

Races are usually in heats and typically

the first two racers across the finish line advance to the next level.

Open for boys, girls, men and women aged 11 and up, the skier/boarder cross events at Sir Sam's will be split up by gender and also by the following age categories: 11-13, 14-16, 17-29, and 30-plus.

The cross racing events have an entry fee cost \$20 and because the events are part of the CFSA and AOS, which are provincially funded organizations, a \$20 membership fee is also required.

"I'm always the optimist, so I'd like to see at least 60 competitors," Webb says.

And where there is competition there is also reward.

While prizes are yet to be determined Webb says there's likely to be ski and snowboard swag up for grabs.

Webb says that Sir Sam's won't start registration for the events until Boxing Day, December 26, and you can always register the day of the event.

Check out the CFSA and AOS websites for more information at www.freestyleski.ca and www.ontariosnowboarders.ca. Or contact Dave Webb at the hill at 754-2298.

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Sixth Silverstick tournament was a huge success

60 hockey games, 640 lunches, 352 trophies and 722 pins in a whirlwind two weekends

WADE MACINNIS

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association held its 6th annual Silverstick Regional Qualifying Tournaments over the past two weekends.

Thirty-two teams from all over Ontario participated.

There were 60 action-packed hockey games with a lot of overtime, 640 lunches served, 352 trophies handed out, four championship and four finalist banners presented and 722 Silverstick pins given to every player and coach.

The champions representing our region at the Silver-

stick finals on January 8 to 11 in Niagara Falls are the Napanee Stars in the Atom group, the St. Catharines Warriors in the PeeWee group, the Acton Tanners in the Bantam group and the New Hamburg Huskies in the Midget group.

There were many teams giving accolades on how well the Storm's tournaments are run and this credit goes out to our host Storm teams headed by Lisa Hamilton, Cheryl Riley, Sheana Allore, Tammy Smith and their parent assistants who have done another tremendous job.

Thank you! Also there were many compliments about our hotels and resorts for their excellent accommodations and praise for our friendly businesses and restaurants.

The Highlands' reputation as a genuinely friendly and hospitable county is why a lot of hockey teams make our tournaments a must-destination in their future plans.

Thank you Haliburton County!

The Highland Storm would like to extend thanks to Glen and Kevin from Sharpley Source for Sports for awesome trophies, to Bonnie from County Commercial Printers for beautiful programs, to Jodanne from Haliburton Timbr-Mart for excellent wall charts, to both arena staffs, to the snack bar ladies (Cathy and Grandma Smith), the time keepers Eric, Kirsten and Ashley, and all the referees for keeping everything running smoothly. Great job by everyone.

Mixed bag for Storm teams

The following are updates from the Highland Storm hockey teams.

Novice

The novice Storm is second in the division with a record of 8-7-1. But the team is without a win in three games after a 6-4 loss and a 6-6 tie to Parry Sound in a December 13 double-header and a 3-2 loss at home to Huntsville on December 14. After the Christmas break they'll face first place rivals Bracebridge in Minden on January 4 at 1 p.m.

Atom A

Looking to bounce back from a loss against Bracebridge on November 16 the Storm has done so emphatically by winning three in a row; a 4-1 road win against Almaguin on November 30 and home-and-home wins against Huntsville on December 7 and 14 by scores of 2-1 and 7-5. The team is 7-4-3 and will head to Bracebridge on December 21 for a game starting at 3 p.m.

Atom B

After winning four games in row from November 2 to November 16 the Storm has now lost as many games and sit third in the division with a record of 7-7-0. The team will look to end the losing streak in Gravenhurst on December 20 and keep it going on December 21 in Haliburton against Bracebridge at 2:30 p.m.

Pee Wee A

Without an update from Sunday's game against Bracebridge it is unknown whether the Pee Wee A Storm remains undefeated with a record of 9-0-1. Prior to that game the team was riding a six-game winning streak stemming back to November 8. The Storm face Gravenhurst at home on December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Pee Wee B

Having lost the last three games the pee wee Storm will try to get back on track in a double header in Minden on December 20. The team is 3-9-1 and will take on North Muskoka at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Bantam A

'T' is for tie and the bantam A Storm have six of them so far this season, two in their last two games. Their record of 2-5-6 has them four of six in the division. They'll try for win number three on December 19 in Minden against Huntsville at 7 p.m.

Midget A

The midget A Storm hasn't lost in five games and is 7-4-3 this season, good enough for second in the division. The team had won four in a row before tying Parry Sound 4-4 on December 13. They'll look to keep the streak alive as they travel to Sundridge on December 20. Their next home game is after the Christmas break, January 3, in Minden for a 5:30 p.m. tilt against Huntsville.

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2 golds for wrestlers

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

The Red Hawk wrestling team travelled to Port Hope on December 12 to challenge schools from the southern end of the COSSA region. Junior members of the team performed extremely well at the tournament, continuing the success established at competitions held earlier in the season. Led by gold medalists and Michaela Charlebois (57.5 kg), the team posted 26 winning matches throughout the day.

Gold Medalists: Mike Mazara, Mikaela Charlebois

Silver Medalists: Tara O'Sullivan, Jillian Mayhew

Bronze Medalist: Kanisha White

4th Place: Amanda Kraft, Sasha White, Harley Foulds.



57.5 kg champion Mikaela Charlebois finishes a takedown with a half-nelson.

Photo by Paul Klose

Narrow loss in Lindsay

The following brief reports of sports activities at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were collected by Judi Paul's class.

Monday, December 8

The junior boys' basketball team played a fantastic game against the LCVI Spartans, being narrowly defeated by a score of 34-33.

The Red Hawk Hockey team were defeated by the team from St. Peter's by a score of 5-2. Haliburton scorers were Keaton Gadway and Ashton Haley.

Tuesday, December 9

The junior boys' basketball team made a great comeback in order to claim a 54-53 victory over the St. Thomas Aquinas squad.

Wednesday, December 10

The senior girls' volleyball team hosted a tournament and rose to the occasion, splitting with St. Thomas and I.E. Weldon. Good defense by Kirsi Parnoja and Brooke Hamilton, and great serves by Kaitlin Allore, Kristine Barry, and Rachel Burk.

Thursday, December 11

The Red Hawk wrestlers travelled to Port Hope where junior wrestlers once again had a respectable day. In fourth place were Amada Kraft, Sasha White and Harley Foulds. Bronze medallist was Kanisha White, while Tara O'Sullivan and Jillian Mayhew took home the silver.

Champions in their weight classes were Mike Mazara, and Mikaela Charlebois.

The senior boys' basketball team put up a good effort in a 63-57 loss to Bancroft. J.L. Frybort had 17 points and 9 rebounds, while Luke Watson also contributed 17 points.

The junior boys' basketball team won their second game in a row by defeating Bancroft 44-28. Great team effort, particularly from Chris Judge and Brady Cowen.



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- Have an interest in the long-term management strategy for the Bancroft Minden Forest?
- Want to take an active role in the planning process and development of the Bancroft Minden Forest Management Plan?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)**, the **Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc.** and the **Local Citizen's Committee (LCC)** need your input to develop the 2011-2021 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The FMP will outline the long-term management strategy for the Bancroft Minden Forest and you will have the opportunity to provide details on:

- What kind of forest and benefits the plan should strive to provide;
- Where harvest, planting and tending operations will take place;
- Where access road construction will take place during the first five-year term from 2011-2016;
- The proposed areas of operations for the second five-year term.

Your comments and input will help us develop a balanced, well informed FMP for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The background information that will be used to develop the FMP will be available for public review throughout the planning process. Any additional background information that you can provide would be appreciated.

How to Get Involved

Maps showing information about fish and wildlife habitat, parks and protected areas, tourism facilities as well as many other features on the Bancroft Minden Forest are available upon request. These maps, known as "values maps", will be useful for anyone with a general or specific interest in this forest management unit.

The plan will be prepared by the following planning team members:

Craig Dodds, Project Manager
Peter Nitschke, Planning Team Co-chair
Sam Itani, Planning Team Co-chair
Lacey Rose, Plan author
Bruce Fleck, MNR Area Forester
Kathy Irwin, MNR Planning Biologist
Ron Keane, Resource Liaison Officer
Robert Craftchick, Whitney Algonquins
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Dalton Walsh, Algonquin Nation Kijicho Manito
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The planning team members, the MNR District Manager and the LCC are available during the planning process to meet and discuss your interests and concerns.

A formal issue resolution process, as described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual (2004)*, is available on written request. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process will be made available for public review during the planning process and for the duration of the approved ten-year plan.

Stay Involved

In addition to this invitation to participate, there are four other formal opportunities for you to be involved, tentatively scheduled as follows:

Review of the Long-Term Management Direction	June 3, 2009 - July 3, 2009
Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations	Dec. 16, 2009 - Jan. 16, 2010
Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan	May 26, 2010 - June 26, 2010
Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan	Nov. 10, 2010 - Dec. 10, 2010

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Bruce Fleck at 613-332-3940, ext. 235.

The general information regarding the FMP process as well as the information described in this notice, will be available at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office and at the MNR office, at the locations shown below, during normal office hours. As well, an appointment with the MNR District Manager or with a planning team member during non-business hours may be made by calling 613-332-3940, ext. 235.

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Katie Hillier gets into position to bump a ball in a tough game against LCVI.



MATT JAMES/Echo

Kristine Barry, left, and Rachel Burk get ready as Victoria Chaulk serves one up.

HEALTH UNIT HOLIDAY HOURS

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The girls play again this week in a round-robin tournament in Lindsay against Cobourg East, Cobourg West, Campbellford and St. Thomas.

Tournament scores:

HHSS vs. St. Thomas 8 - 25 and 25 - 14

HHSS vs. LCVI (Loss) 7 - 25 and 17 - 25

HHSS vs. I. E. Weldon (Win/Loss) 25 - 20 and 15 - 25

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While waiting for test results I was under constant care and observation by a great team of medical practitioners.

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HHSC Chief of Staff Dr. Steve Ferracuti & HHHSF Chairman Peter Oyler & Executive Director Dale Walker urge you to support the Christmas Campaign.

Thank you Brian for your kind words as they continue to provide encouragement to the staff and professionals.

By sending your donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation today, you will be helping to fund the equipment and technology to continue to provide the service that was needed by Brian and many other patients and long term care residents.

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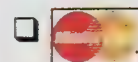
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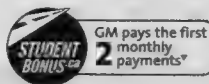
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When: December 13
Where: Fenelon Falls Curling Club

The HHSS boys curling team were awesome players and victorious Red Hawks!

They won all three games and achieved our team goal of three wins in one day (games for other teams continued Sunday, December 14). We also brought back the Zone Trophy to our school.

Game 1: Against St. Peter's Team 2: 15 to 2 after 6 ends
Game 2: Against St. Peter's Team 1: 10 to 2 after 6 ends
Game 3: Against Holy Cross: 7 to 3 after 7 ends

Notable moments:

Excellent shot making by all players in game two. There were frequent six red rocks in play regularly before skip Connor Duhaime had to play.

Game three was the toughest strategically and HHSS had to out-fox the other team in thought, execution and determination.

Great curling!

What's Next?

The boys advance to Gore Regional Schoolboy in Lindsay January 31 and February 1.



Victorious Red Hawk curlers, from left Owen Duhaime, Jesse Walker, Curtis Nichol and Connor Duhaime.

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Highlands East Council changes its municipal insurance provider

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But council did make a decision that day, choosing Cowan Insurance for a yearly cost of \$107,110. Jardine OME proposed \$111,727 and BFL Canada had asked \$90,224, but sent no representative.

"If you want to know my true feeling, if I had a vote to see whether your company got the policy or somebody else, I would vote against yours," Stoughton said. "You might as well know that. I'm not beating around the bush, I'll tell you to your face. I don't like these letters from your superiors telling us we're not covered. We're paying all kinds of money to your company and we're not getting no coverage, is what I'm saying."

"It makes a very, very bad taste in my mouth. When I was on council for 12 years before that term and all of a sudden they tell you because you're a new councillor. That's a statement they made. Because we

were new councillors. That's baloney," Stoughton said.

Paul Dorman, the representative of Jardine OME insurance, said he couldn't explain the reasons behind his company denying the councillors' claims, but would get back to them.

"Why don't we give you 48 hours to come up with something to get back to us, there?" Mackie said.

Dorman left the meeting and shortly after, council made a decision to accept Cowan as the new insurer.

Reeve Dave Burton had reservations, because he thought more time was needed to consider each proposal.

"I was hoping everybody would have a look at it, but if you're comfortable with it [the vote will be taken]," Burton said.

Mackie and Stoughton both said they were happy with Cowan. Councillor Suzanne Partridge was absent and Councillor Donna Graham had no comments.

Only one 17-year-old makes Team Canada world junior team

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Only one 17-year-old, defenceman Ryan Ellis, made this year's squad. Last year Canada had two 17-year-old players and one the year before that, so it may not be all that surprising that Duchene didn't earn a spot.

However, his previous success and experience with Team Canada had him favoured in the opinion of some hockey experts.

In a *Canadian Press* article on sportsnet.ca it was said that 17-year-olds Duchene, Evander Kane, Brayden Schenn, and Taylor Hall need further development before they're ready for the under-20 level.

The average age of this year's world junior team is 19 years, one month, nine days, as of December 26, 2008.

Eighteen-year-old Hodgson is looking forward to the experience and all that

comes with it.

"Anytime you get to represent your country it's always a huge honour," he said.

Of the 22-man roster, 18 players have previous international experience and only two players have not been drafted into the NHL. In addition, only six were selected from the Ontario Hockey League.

"We're solid right from the defense all the way out," Hodgson said.

As a warm up Team Canada will face Sweden on December 19 at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, followed by a match against Finland on December 21 and Slovakia on December 23.

Canada will kick off the tournament on Boxing Day, December 26, against the Czech Republic. Team Canada has medaled in 10 straight World Junior Championships including gold medal performances the past four years.

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Volunteers bake goodies for SIRCH families

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

SIRCH program participants won't have to worry about serving holiday goodies to their guests after a group of women spent four hours Thursday baking for them.

Sharon Bacon, a SIRCH volunteer since 1990, led the seven volunteers using the kitchen at the Adult Learning Centre on Victoria Street.

"I love it," she said, "If it wasn't for the moms ... that's my main concern."

All of the food will be free to the mothers that participate in the Monday and Wednesday groups - Bright Starts and the Special Delivery Club.

Macaroons, refrigerator bars, brown-sugar buttons and flourless almond cookies with peanut butter were some of the treats made.

"Every year I'd donate to the 4Cs, or World Vision," said volunteer Karoul Talaba.

"I realized this summer that I don't want to give money. It's too easy."

Talaba said it is harder for her to give time. So last week she and her coworker, Pauline Knott, skipped their lunch breaks every day to allow them to take four hours Thursday to bake for others.

Cathy McIlmurray, a Canoe FM volunteer, came by to help too.

"I can't afford to donate money, so I donate my time," McIlmurray said.

JENN WATT/Echo



Jamie Hume makes sure she's got just the right amount. Hume was one of about eight volunteers who gave up four hours Thursday afternoon to bake goodies for participating SIRCH families.



Volunteer Karoul Talaba forms her cookies for the oven.

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Christmas in song

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Photos by Martha Perkins



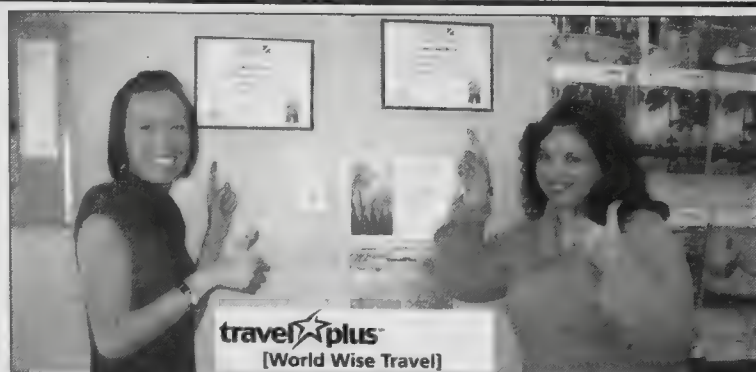
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The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities pursuant to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans. Pursuant to section 9 of the said act, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has deposited with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and in the office of the District Registrar of the Haliburton County Land Registry at Minden under deposit number 278704, the description of the site and plans of an existing dam at Livingstone Lake in Lot 9, Concession 4, geographic township of Livingstone, County of Haliburton.

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Bracebridge,
November 27, 2008



Haliburton Rotary Club bringing blues to the schools

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is bringing the blues to two local schools. A group of four local Rotarians has organized two days of Blues in the Schools for local students.

The project is designed to stimulate students to take a long-term interest in blues music. On January 6 and 7, students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be introduced to blues and roots music by way of Rick Fines.

Rick Fines is no stranger to the Haliburton area or the Blues in the Schools program. For several years he has taught finger-style guitar at the Haliburton School of the Arts. He also worked with kids as part of the Blues in the Schools programs in Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto and Fredericton. He is a veteran of the folk and blues circuits in North America and, in addition to a busy touring schedule, Fines conducts many guitar classes and workshops.

He has eight MapleBlues Award nominations and won for Acoustic Act Of The Year twice and won Songwriter of the Year this year with Suzie Vinnick.

His work with Jackson Delta (for 15 years) brought nominations from both the Juno and the Handy Awards. He has played for legendary blues piano player Pinetop Perkins, songstress Colleen Peterson, folk icon Penny Lang and many others.

His song "Riley Wants His Life Back" won first place in the blues category of 2003 International Songwriting Competition, with B.B. King one of the judges.

Fines is looking forward to bringing his understanding of blues, finger-style and bottleneck guitar to the students of Haliburton.

Rural Routes art competition at Rails End challenges local artists

Rural Routes is the theme of an exciting new art competition and exhibition at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre.

Rural Routes suggests a road or postal address, a destination, or perhaps even a lifestyle. Interpretation is up to each artist. Artists are invited to enter up to two original works of art in any media.

Prizes will be awarded according to the following criteria: creative interpretation of the theme: Rural Routes, artistic composition and presentation, and skillful use of chosen materials.

There are three prize categories: Best Overall Artist, Most Popular Artist and Best Student. Deadline for entry is Saturday, January 10 at 4 p.m. and work can be delivered to the gallery anytime before the deadline.

Entry is open to all current members of Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, and of course new members are welcome. Membership rates are \$10 student, \$20 senior, \$25 adult.

The awards and opening ceremony will be held Saturday, January 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. and the exhibition will be on display in the Highland Gallery until February 21.

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Singing for someone's supper

Another donation has been given to the 4Cs Christmas program and will be distributed throughout the county's four food banks thanks to the Highlands Festival Singers and the Highlands Male Chorus. A total of \$4,500 was collected from various concerts the two singing groups have put on.

From left is 4Cs president Ron Mark, Highlands Male Chorus president Graham Bowker, Haliburton Festival Singers president Barb Foote, the choir's conductor Melissa Stephens, and the 4Cs Ave Petch and Murray Tripp.

The choirs also wished to thank the community for attending the performances and the Minden United Church and St. George's Anglican Church for the use of the churches for the Christmas concerts.

Photos by Matt James

Legion hosts spaghetti dinner this Friday

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Mel Smith
448-3680

The Legion is gearing up for another spaghetti dinner evening. This has become an enjoyable monthly affair the third Friday of each month.

Drop by on December 19 for a great dinner between 5 and 7 p.m. Cost is just \$6 per adult and \$3 per child. With Christmas just around the corner, it is a good time to start to get out and spend some Yuletide time with friends and family.

We thank the entertainment committee for organizing this.

The Wilberforce Legion would like to thank all those who came out to support the wildlife dinner evening. A big thanks goes out to the all the members who volunteered their time because without them evenings such as this could not happen. A special thanks goes out to Richard Young for spearheading this event and putting so much of his time into making the evening an evening to remember.

New Year's Eve is a special time of the year. We say goodbye to past and welcome in the new year. What better place to do this than at your local Legion with all your friends? The evening begins at 9

p.m. and there promises to be lots of fun for everyone. There will be party favours and a light lunch will be served at 11 p.m. Music will be provided by Pat Casselman. For tickets or further information, please call 448-2221.

If you have not paid your dues yet, it is not too late. Please come in and support the work of the Legion and pay up your dues.

Lest We Forget:

Best wishes go out to Bob Hayward and Ken McFarlane, who are doing well in Haliburton Hospital.

There are many great upcoming events:
December 16: General membership meeting

December 17: Open Darts 7:30 p.m.

December 18: Euchre 1 p.m.

December 19: Legion Pool 1 p.m.

December 19: Spaghetti Dinner.

December 20: Share the Wealth draw, \$2 per ticket or three for \$5. 7 p.m.

December 20: 3 p.m. Meat draw

December 22: Bid euchre 7:00 p.m.

December 25: Merry Christmas to all!

December 26: Boxing Day

December 27: 3 p.m. Meat draw

December 31: New Year's Eve celebration 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. \$18 single, \$35 per couple

January 1: President's Levee, Happy New Year.

February 1: Super Bowl Party - more information to follow

February 7: Ice fishing derby

For the **eleventh** year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

Help us reach our **\$95,000 Holiday Goal** to invest in the technology for Diagnostic Imaging.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thanks our Honourary Chairman for our 2008 "Reach For The Future" campaign, Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Dave Fiddler.

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Foundation gets a lift

Caregiver Nancy Cowan chats with Mae Jones, a resident of Highland Wood who has a ceiling lift in her room. The Canadian Million Dollar Round Table Foundation recently donated \$2,588 to the ceiling lift project of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. From left, Shawn Hagerman of the CMDRTE, Nancy Cowan, Mae Jones, husband Gord Jones and co-chair of Reach for the Future campaign Don Popple.

Volunteer steps in

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Hurray for volunteers! They pitched in on Saturday afternoon at the Centre to prepare for the turkey dinner on Sunday. They chopped vegetables, set tables, and decorated the hall with right goodwill. Of course someone had to direct operations and that someone was Cheryl Cooper who undertook the task because of Carol Stamp's illness and hospitalization. The good news is that about 170 people attended this pre-Christmas dinner making it a financial success as well as a happy social event. The other part of the good news is that Carol is now at home to recuperate, much to the relief of all concerned.

Elaine and George Schmid have three Minden River Kings players living with them until the season is over: their own son, Lane Schmid, defenceman, Andrew Selbie, goal-

ie, of Kirkland Lake, and Bryar Hill, defenceman, of Kingston. All are Grade 12 students at Haliburton High. Besides looking after three young appetites the Schmid's continue in their Haliburton Soap Factory business. Now is the time when Christmas buckets of their fine products are in demand and they are available in Minden, at our own Log Cabin, at Country Pick-in's as well as in Dorset, to name a few places. In the summer Black Creek Pioneer Village requested to sell their products as well.

Several local families attended the event at St. George's on December 14: the Chumbleys, Kathleen Owens, the Claridges and Coopers, Iris Freeman, Jean Randell, and Marilyn Gibbon. All of us enjoyed the music either as participants or as audience, and partook heartily of the abundant pot luck, putting to rest the ever present worry of the hosts "Will there be enough"? It was a treat to hear our beloved organist, Bill Gliddon, play selections from the Nutcracker. What an accomplished musician!

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Kids' Christmas concert a holiday joy

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Hilda Clarke
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On a strikingly well-decorated Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre, stage the children of the Wilberforce School presented their 2008 Christmas concert on Friday, December 12.

The junior and senior kindergarten students kicked off the show. With a shadow play they gave a charming modern version of *The 12 Days Of Christmas*. The Grade 4/5/6 class helped out by singing the words as the little ones did the actions. The kinders then donned reindeer antlers as they sang *Rudolph* and followed in song and dance with *Go Santa Go* and *Rockin' Santa*.

The Grade 1/2/3 class pleased the audience with their rendition of *Here Comes Suzy Snowflake* and *Keep It Simple*.

The Grade 4/5/6 students were impressive in *Drumming With Bazza* (Barry Haywood). Barry led the children in a performance on drums of various sizes and type and with bells. With great rhythm and precision as they did *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. What a great experience for the children and the audience!

The finale was a rousing *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* by the whole school.

The Mapleview tenants provided candy bags for the

children. Refreshments were organized by the school and prepared by Kristyn Hutt and Stephanie DeCarlo. Many thanks to Ms. Barb Davies for her leadership and all the staff and students for a fine concert.

The Harcourt Chapel's Christmas concert was a spirited time on Sunday, December 14.

At the Full Gospel Church also on December 14 the Sunday School Children under the creative leadership of Melannie Storey presented their Christmas Concert with enthusiasm and joy. The children sang and spoke, often in unison, telling the story of the birth of Jesus. Assisted by adult readers, the children, well-costumed as Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men and angels reminded everyone about the true reason for the season. A pleasant happy evening that ended with great refreshments.

At St. Margaret's on Sunday morning December 14, a Christmas festival of readings and carols had the whole congregation participating as the organ and voices rang out in great harmony.

Still to come is the old-fashioned carol service at the historic Essonville Church. It's on Sunday, December 21, beginning at 7 p.m. Come and sing your heart out to the music of the pump organ in this lovely old place of worship lighted by oil lamps. All welcome.

The Christmas open house at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House on Thursday, December 11, both afternoon and evening was a gentle pleasant time of memories among cedar boughs and the beautiful spruce tree. The diary of a male settler in Huron County in the late 1800s read by Joan Noble told of simpler times with a touch of humour too. The refreshments were tasty.



JENN WATT/ECHO

The older kids got to play the drums after a morning of instruction by Barry "Bazza" Haywood.

Many are looking forward to relaxing and listening to the music of Edgar Thatcher and Friends on Saturday, December 27, at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Entitled *Home To The Highlands* Edgar and Sheri Thatcher are organizing this with some assistance from local groups including the Loop Troupe, the Heritage Guild and the Essonville Church Committee. As well as music there will be desserts for sale at this non-alcoholic Musical Cabaret. Ticket are available at Agnew's store and Canoe FM.

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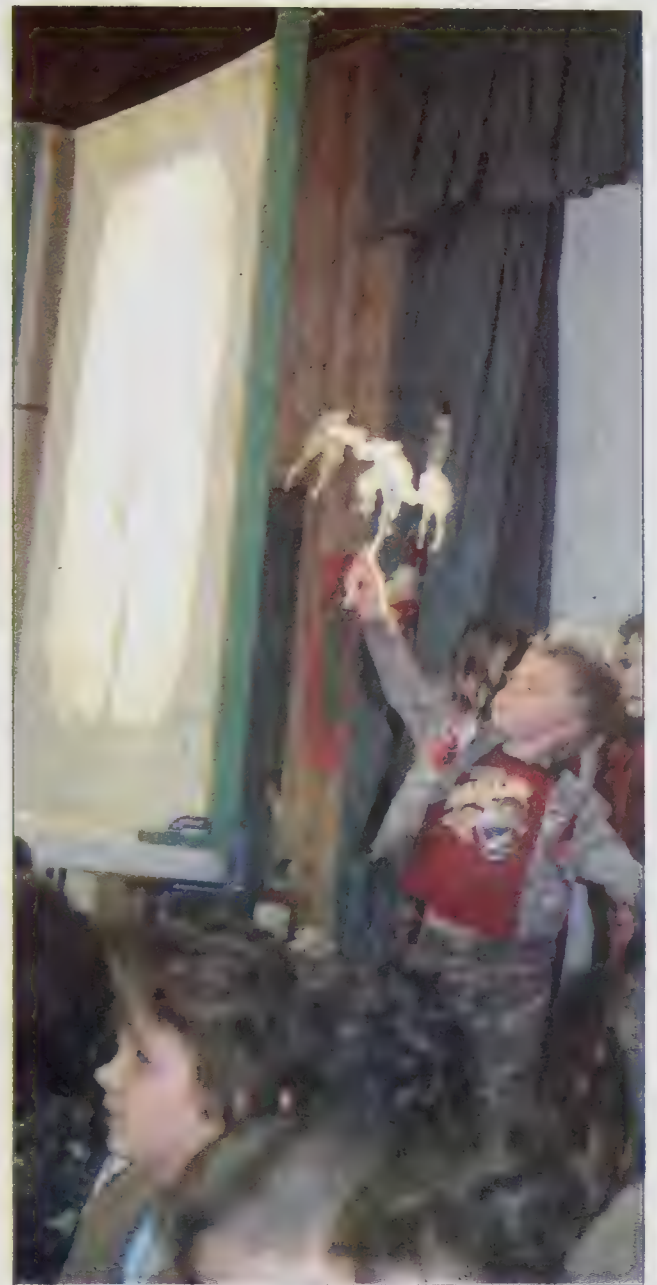
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Wilberforce elementary school does Christmas

The Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce was full of proud parents and community supporters for the annual elementary school's Christmas concert.

"It's been a tough year for us at Wilberforce," said principal Elaine Fournier.

"There have been some changes and we've weathered them well."

Fournier encouraged the full house to get involved with the program accommodation process to address

low enrolment for Cardiff and Wilberforce elementary schools.

Go online to see the video of the concert: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Right: The kindergarten class did a shadow puppet show with a spin on the 12 Days of Christmas to start the concert.

Above: Kids sang a variety of Christmas tunes, from the old classics to the newer versions.

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Haliburton Legion announces poster contest winners

BRIAN HAMBLBY

Youth Education Co-ordinator

The Royal Canadian Legion, branch 129, Haliburton, would like to thank the 69 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests.

Teachers, school administration staff and parents encouraged their students to make the effort. Their interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

This year's judges were Billy Pickard, Ed Pickard, Wendy Vermeersch, Ethel Galvin, Jean Fletcher, Jack Greavette, Suzanne Sovereign, Chris Guenette and Mary Hamblby.

Listed below are the winners of each contest. All first-place winners will move on to compete with other entries at the zone level.

Poetry Contest

Intermediate Category (Grades 7,8,9)

1st – Jacob Sisson

2nd – Emma McKnight

3rd – Alana MacPaul

Junior Category (Grades 4,5,6)

1st – Joan Tyler

2nd – Jess Toth

3rd – Hunter McTeague

Essay Contest

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5,6)

1st – Kristen McKee

2nd – Noelle Russell

3rd – Loren Bridgman

Poster Contest – Black and White

Intermediate Category (Grades 7,8,9)

1st – Felix Scuhr

2nd – Mackenzie Robinson

3rd – Emma Paul

Junior Category (Grades 4,5,6)

1st – Ainsley Little

2nd – Matthew O'Reilly

3rd – Damen Winder

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2, 3)

1st – Ethan Johnson

2nd – Joshua Boice

3rd – Jillian Sharp

Poster Contest – Colour

Intermediate Category (Grades 7,8,9)

1st – Bethany Little

2nd – Dellon Meyers

3rd – Charlene Hicks

Junior Category (Grades 4,5,6)

1st – Noelle Russell

2nd – Madison Billings

3rd – Naomi Russell

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2, 3)

1st – Zachary Williams

2nd – Joshua Bellefleur

3rd – Sam Miller-Gerrard

All prizes will be awarded at the annual awards night in May 2009.

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We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



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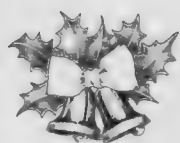
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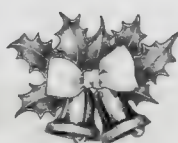
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to

Friday, January 2nd, 2009

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December 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

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NOTICE (Applicant - CAMOZZI)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF TAMARACK LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 12th day of January, 2009**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 3, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop, O.L.S., dated October 16, 2008.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of December, 2008.

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MAGGIE'S RESOURCE CENTRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CRISIS COUNSELLOR

Maggie's Resource Centre is a non-profit community counseling agency providing crisis intervention, counseling, safe placement and transitional housing support for abused women.

The board of directors is seeking an experienced Executive Director who can also serve as a front-line counselor to address the needs of women and children in our community.

Experience: Five years successful service in the non-profit sector with woman abuse and children witnessing violence.

Education: Appropriate education or equivalent professional experience.

Skills:

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- Proven ability in financial management of a multi-funded non-profit agency.
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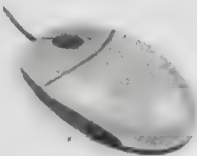
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CURRENT EVENTS

- December 17: Haliburton OEYC Christmas Party and potluck starting at 10 a.m. - Join us for craft, carol singing, potluck lunch and gingerbread decorating. Our special visitor will arrive at 12 p.m. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it and your favorite potluck dish to share with friends. Please sign up in advance or phone 457-2989.
- December 17: Minden OEYC Christmas Party and potluck starting at 10 a.m. - Join us for craft, carol singing, potluck lunch and gingerbread decorating. Please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it and your favorite potluck dish to share with friends. Please sign up in advance or phone 286-1770.
- December 17: OEYC Christmas Party visits the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce, starting at 10 a.m. - Join us for craft, music, a scavenger hunt and gingerbread decorating. Please sign up in advance or phone 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989. Due to the Christmas holidays, our next visit will be on January 15th.
- December 19: Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 us having it monthly spaghetti dinner - from 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult, \$3 kids, salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea and coffee, all you can eat.
- December 20: Coboconk Legion is hosting at Open House
- December 21: Zion United Church Choir presents More than a Manger - Come join us in Carnarvon at 9 am for our Christmas Cantata, directed by Melissa Stephens. Refreshments to follow.
- December 24: Join us in celebrating the birth of Christ. Services at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden - Will be at 4 p.m and 11 p.m. St. Paul's is on the Gull River in Minden, opposite The Beer Store. Call the church office for more information: 286-2541.
- December 31: New Year's Eve Dance - At the Kinmount Legion Hall at 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441.
- December 31: Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 is hosting our Annual New Years Celebration - 8-1:30 p.m. Party favors, light lunch, lots of fun. \$15 couple, \$18 single.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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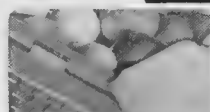
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Dated at Minden, the 2nd day of December, 2008.

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Announcements

Births



Doug & Kelly Stewart
are pleased to announce
the safe arrival of their daughter
Zoe Elizabeth;
born October 25, 2008
weighing 6 lbs 13 oz.

Proud grandparents Don & Marilyn
Stewart of Thunder Bay;
Aggie & Walter Tose, Arthur & Anne
Dawson of Haliburton and great
grandparents Louise MacKay,
Wilf Quigley and
Stan & Norma Tose.

Births

Thank You Cards

Phil, June & Tony Matthew's would like to thank all of the wonderful people in our town, Haliburton. We are completely overwhelmed by the generosity support and kindness shown, even from people in the community we didn't know. We felt as though we've made new friends and words cannot describe how truly thankful we are. A big heart-warming thank you from Phil, June and Tony Mathews.

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Obituaries

Mac Duff, Jacqui - entered into rest suddenly, yet peacefully, at her home on Tuesday, December 9, 2008. Jacqui Mac Duff, at the age of 50, was the beloved wife of Jeff Bardeau of Lindsay. Loving mother and best friend of Jasmine Mac Duff of Ajax and Jennifer Bardeau of Lindsay. Cherished grandma of Aris Mac Duff and Mason Bardeau. Dear sister of Donna and her husband Dennis Paull, Doug Mac Duff and his wife Karen all of Lindsay and Woneetta and her husband Jack Bartholomew of Wilberforce. Dear daughter-in-law of Glen and Aleatha Angers of Lindsay. Fondly remembered by Chris and Laura Angers, Pam Appleton and Carl O'Connell all of Lindsay, Pauline and David Hunt of Belleville and Pat and Julie Angers of Pleasant Point. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the **Stoddart Funeral Home**, 24 Mill St., Lindsay on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9PM. Funeral service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, December 16 at 2:00PM. Spring interment will take place at Gooderham Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

On line condolences may be directed to www.stoddartfuneralhome.com.

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Deaths

MALLET, Dr. James John - Passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Thursday, December 11, 2008. At the age of 82. Jim was a loving husband, father of 3 girls and grandfather of 4 grandchildren. Jim practiced medicine for 50 years in Nova Scotia and Northern Ontario. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the charity of your choice or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

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Birthday greetings

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To the best mother & wife in the world!

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Obituaries

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Margaret Feero

(Longtime Resident of Oakville & Haliburton, Ontario)
Peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden on Thursday morning, December 11, 2008 in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Feero. Loving mother of Leslie Feero (Carol) of Haliburton and Ronald Feero (Ines) of Brampton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jeff (Cyndi), Jason, Shawn (Tara) & Stacey and her great grandchildren Jenna, Nicholas and Olivia. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her son Kimberley Feero, her brother Bill Fowler, and her sisters Katherine and Marjorie.

Visitation & Graveside Service

The family invite you to join with them in celebrating Margaret's life at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2008 from 2-4 p.m. A Private Graveside Service will be held at the Trafalgar Lawn Cemetery, Oakville at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Goldwyn 'Goldie' Willis

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)

Peacefully at home on Monday evening, December 8, 2008 in his 79th year. Beloved husband of Anna Willis (nee Kubas). Loving father of Warren (Audrey) of Beamsville and Gail and her husband Pat of Minden. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Ryan, Sarah, Shawn, Robbie & Tom. Dear brother of Herb of Owen Sound and Betty of Cowansville, Que. Predeceased by his brothers Tim, Bert and Wallace. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Missed by his dog Sonny.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Funeral arrangements are private. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Princess Margaret Hospital would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. 118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Announcements

In memoriam

ANDREW, HAROLD - In memory of my best friend who passed away December 14, 2007.

*Long days and nights he bore great pain,
To wait for cure but all in vain,
Till God above saw what was best,
And took him home with Him to rest.*

Sadly Missed by Isabelle Porath

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*There is a sad and sweet remembrance,
There is memory fond and true;
There is a token of affection
And a heartache still for you.*

Memoriam Verse #35
To remember a loved one with this verse
Call 1-866-541-6757 Today

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In memoriam

ANDREW, HAROLD - In memory of our dear father, grandfather who passed away December 14, 2007.

*Deep in my heart lies a picture
Of a loved one laid to rest,
In memory's frame I shall keep it,
Because he was one of the best.*

Sadly Missed by Deborah and her husband Ron Vink, Dianne Andrews and her husband John Keast, daughter-in-law Carol Andrews and all of his grandchildren.

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*Time takes away the edge of grief,
But memory turns back every leaf.*

Memoriam Verse #39
To remember a loved one with this verse
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In memoriam

BAIN, MARJORIE - MOM

*How lonely each day has been without you in
it. Last Christmas Eve we tearfully watched
you slip from this world into heaven. Days
don't go by without loving thoughts of you.*

Sadly Missed by Bernard & Sharon, Ron & Debbie, Dave & Janet and families

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*O happy hours we once enjoyed.
How sweet their memory still.
But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill.*

Memoriam Verse #45
To remember a loved one with this verse
Call 1-866-541-6757 Today

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In memoriam

Dugan, Jim and Gladys - In loving memory of our parents and grandparents.

*Today, tomorrow, our whole lives through.
We will always love and remember you.
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us through all our lives
Until we meet again*

Love - Yvonne, Mike and Family

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a Thank You Note on this page.

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Card of thanks

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A Special Thank You

The family of the late Crystal Bain would like to thank the whole community for the outpouring of love and support we have received. The prayers, hugs, delicious meals, baking, phone calls, gift cards, child care (both night and day), flowers, e-mails, face book photos and messages. The grocery shopping, diapers, formula, crib, furniture, toys, movies, laundry, cards, acts of kindness both big and little, photos, power point presentation, eulogy, music, clothing, cleaning, organizing, play dates, paper work and the list goes on. Decorating, snow ploughing, foot and back rubs - the touch of someone who genuinely cares about all the little things. The generosity of so many people financially will help insure the needs of our little ones are being met.

We are trying to put the pieces back together the best we can. We had the privilege of sharing our beloved daughter for 35 years. Her brother Curtis, whom she believed so passionately in, for 31. Her treasured "sister" Jen for 4 years and their little darlings Jaden and Colton. The love of her life Steve, for 15 years. Her Leanne, Tannis and Trevin whom she loved like no other. We cannot fathom a life without her but with the strength we have received from God we will carry on. As so many people can attest, if Crystal met you once she considered you a friend. We have seen the way she lived her life, the positive influence she has on so many people. She wanted only the best for so many and no matter how difficult, she would put that little extra in to everything she did. Her love for people both young and old was always so evident. She loved visiting and always made time to have tea or coffee and a chat. She could get to the heart of things in an instant and instinctively know the right thing to do or say. She loved to plan and organize parties for her family and every occasion warranted a celebration. One of her greatest accomplishments was her love of photography. She took some spectacular photos and many were the nights that were spent on a labour of love to finish some special someone's gift. Our loss is Heaven's gain. I can picture her clearly surrounded with little children, cuddling and reading to them, loving them unconditionally.

We have so many people to thank, a huge job so if we miss anyone please accept our apologies. The list is long and we want you to know how much every single thing done for us has been appreciated. Thanks to Dr. Tina Stephenson, Dr. C Bos, Dr. M Pike, Dr. Karl Hartwick, Dr. W G Hughes, Dr. M Boyer. All the nursing and support staff PRHC Labour and Delivery, A6, Haliburton Community Funeral Home - Dwaine, Lori, Ron and Molly, Harry Morgan, Brian Plouffe, Pamela Bryant, Glenda Dunning, Karl & Terry Upton, Dave Bretzlaff, West Guilford Community Centre, our Haliburton United Church family, Lakeside Baptist Church, Country Rose, Bank of Montreal Staff, Ray Selbie, Hugh Nichol. Total Site Services, Camp Timberlane, Community Care Haliburton County staff, board of directors and volunteers, Amin and Rosemary Shivji, Stuart Baker School staff and students. The people who made the trek to Peterborough over the six weeks - Leslie and Tristan Burke, Jen and Curtis, Joanna Logan, Cheryl Ann Bull, Judy Stoughton, Dawn Dennis-Stoughton, Robin Woodcock, Julie Hunter, Susan and Mike Rowell.

We thank Kim Parnell and Alison Bangay for staying overnight in the hospital while we got things in place, loving and nurturing an innocent babe while his whole world dissolved around him.



To our family - parents, brothers, sisters, sister in-laws, brother in-laws, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. We will be forever grateful for your continued support. To Curtis and Jen, who have done everything humanly possible to make this work. We thank you for being the rock we needed. We are so proud of the wise decisions and choices you both have made. We will do our very best to make sure your precious children will not miss out on Nana and Papa time.

To Bob, Alana and Nathan thank you for making the sacrifice to allow us your wife and mom to provide the special daycare with Crystal's most prized possessions.

To Robin, Judy, Sheila, Glenna, Jean and Judy J., Sharon and Lacey. Thank you from the bottom of our heart. We couldn't have done it without you. To Meghan Kennedy, thank you for doing all those extra things that give a vulnerable little girl a boost in her self confidence. To Melissa and Scott - thank you for taking the time to take her to swimming lessons. To all Tannis' friends thank you for being there to allow her to be a child and have some fun.

The will to carry on is astounding considering there are moments when you think you can't even breathe. The strength we have received definitely has been heaven sent. We appreciate that we live in a village that truly cares and pulls together in a time of great need. We will endeavour to raise these children in a manner that would make their "Momma" proud. She had such an amazing natural ability to nurture and it will take the whole village to fill her shoes. We want her to be watching from heaven knowing we are doing the best job we can. We will continue Crystal's legacy of providing the best possible life for her children. Crystal's passing will mean so many different things to so many and she will always and forever be an angel amongst us. As we approach Christmas Day may we all be reminded that "Jesus is the reason for the season". Sincerely,

Steve, Brenda and Roger

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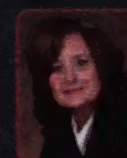
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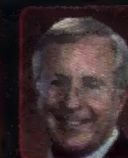
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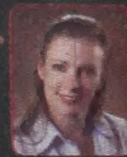
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